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### DETAILED ACTION

This office action is in response to applicants' communication filed on 1/31/07.

Claims 1-14 and 16-19 are pending in this application.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

1. Claims 1-13 and 16-19 are again rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Walpole et al or Wood et al, all for the reasons of record.

Instant claims are directed to a flavoring composition and method of imparting flavor to a composition, comprising adding a flavoring composition of mandelic acid alkylamide of formula (I) of claim 1.

Applicants' arguments were fully considered and were not found convincing. Applicants' arguments that Walpole and Wood et al provide no motivation to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the compounds to arrive at the claimed composition, is of little if any probative value inasmuch as various compositions are obvious over each other since the carriers extensively overlap each other, and adjacent homologs are well known to be obvious, without affecting the properties of the compounds, absent evidence to the contrary. In re Hass, 141 F.2d 127, 60 USPQ 548 (CCPA 1944). Also note that combination of two compositions are old in the art. In re Kerkoven, 205 USPQ 1069 (CCPA 1980).

Applicants argue that Walpole discloses 29 different compounds of which compound 86 is the only hydroxyl amide compound disclosed. The examiner does not understand the probative value of the statement. Inasmuch as the reference discloses structurally similar compounds and composition, the claims are rendered obvious.

Applicants argue that there is no motivation to use compound 8e of Walpole for flavoring composition, as the compound is described to have analgesic property. As described supra, all compositions are obvious, and since capsaicin is known to have pungent odor, its flavoring composition is rendered obvious, absent evidence to the contrary. Likewise, applicants' arguments regarding Wood et al is not convincing that Wood et al is not teaching flavoring composition. See the introduction part, wherein, the capsaicin is expressly suggested to have pungent odor. With respect to its toxic effects, the same can be worked out under routine experimental conditions. In fact, applicants have not even bothered to find out the toxicity of their compounds. Even, the admitted disclosure on page 1, lines 11-12 are expressly teaching the flavoring composition and the method.

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2. Claim 14 is again rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO'258, for the reasons of record.

Applicants' arguments that the reference is directed to only dihydroxy compounds is of little if any probative value inasmuch as the process is analogous.

3. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

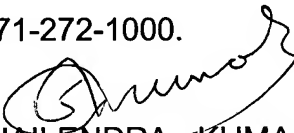
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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SHAILENDRA -. KUMAR whose telephone number is (571)272-0640. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur 8:00-5:30, Alt Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thurman Page can be reached on (571)272-0602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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